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Ministerial Segment
Columbus, Ohio, United States of America, 17 October 1994
Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations for the Ministerial Segment of the United Nations International Symposium on Trade Efficiency

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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6. A vision for international trade:

   (a) Priorities for global trade: the contribution of trade efficiency

   (b) Technology and trade

   (c) Government's role in trade efficiency and international cooperation

   (d) Trade efficiency and development

7. Other business

8. Closing of the Symposium

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of the President

In accordance with established practice, the President will come from the host country.

Item 2: Election of the other members of the Bureau

Subject to the recommendation of the Senior Officials Segment, it is proposed that the country composition of the Bureau of the Ministerial Segment be the same as for the Senior Officials Segment, i.e. the President (from the host country), two Vice-Presidents from the African region, two Vice-Presidents from the Latin American region, two Vice-Presidents from the Asian region, two Vice-Presidents from the Central and Eastern European region and three Vice-Presidents from Group B countries. The Rapporteur will be elected from among the Vice-Presidents.

Item 3: Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work

It is proposed that all substantive agenda items be dealt with in plenary sessions. Agenda items 6 (a), (b), (c) and (d) will be introduced through panel discussions led by moderators.

Item 4: Report of the Senior Officials Segment

The report of the Senior Officials Segment will be introduced by its Chairman.

Item 5: Adoption of the Columbus Ministerial Declaration on Trade Efficiency and launching of the Trade Point Global Network

The draft Columbus Ministerial Declaration which will encompass, inter alia, the launching of the Trade Point Global Network, will be before the Ministerial Segment for adoption.

Item 6: A vision for international trade:

(a) Priorities for global trade: the contribution of trade efficiency;

(b) Technology and trade;

(c) Government's role in trade efficiency and international co-operation;

(d) Trade efficiency and development.

Each sub-item will be introduced through a panel discussion led by a moderator chosen from among members of the Advisory Board, followed by comments from participating ministers. Under sub-item (d), a global Trade Point video conference involving several Trade Points will take place.

Item 7: Other business

Outstanding issues, if any, will be discussed.

Item 8: Closure of the Symposium

The draft recommendations and guidelines for trade efficiency will be submitted to the Ministerial Segment for adoption. The President of the Symposium will make a summary of the proceedings, and, as agreed during the preparatory phase, the final report of the Symposium will be prepared by the Rapporteur with the secretariat after its closure.

III. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 October	12 noon	Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
	3.00 p.m.	Item 6 (a)
Thursday, 20 October	9.30 a.m.	Item 6 (b)
	3.00 p.m.	Item 6 (c)
Friday, 21 October	9.00 p.m.	Item 6 (d)
	12.30 p.m.	Items 6, 7, 8.